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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 555**

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**Introduced by Assembly ~~Member Furutani~~ *Members Portantino  
and Furutani***

February 25, 2009

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An act to add and repeal Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) of Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 555, as amended, ~~Furutani~~ *Portantino*. Community colleges: attendance by secondary school pupils: partnerships.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district to authorize pupils, with parental permission, who would benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work, to attend community college as special part-time students to undertake one or more courses of instruction at the community college level, in order to provide educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of eligible pupils.

This bill would authorize the Kern, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Los Rios, and San Jose-Evergreen community college districts to enter into partnerships with school districts to provide secondary school pupils with the opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical, or vocational coursework, ~~or other coursework at a campus of the California Community Colleges.~~

The bill would require, for each partnership entered into pursuant to the bill, the affected community college district and school district to submit an annual report containing prescribed data.

These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:
- 3 (a) Campuses of the California Community Colleges are located  
4 throughout California, providing an educational resource for all  
5 communities.
- 6 (b) Some secondary school pupils are allowed to take classes  
7 at community colleges. These pupils are called “special-admits,”  
8 and they participate in “concurrent enrollment programs,” mainly  
9 targeted at “advanced education,” primarily defined as college-level  
10 work.
- 11 (c) There are strict limits on this activity in law, providing these  
12 opportunities to only 5 percent of any high school class and  
13 restricting the types of classes pupils may take to include only  
14 “advanced education” in most cases.
- 15 (d) The current restrictions inhibit local ability to make  
16 maximum use of community college facilities and opportunities,  
17 and the time has come to encourage and expand these valuable  
18 programs.
- 19 (e) Allowing high school pupils to take community college  
20 courses could provide benefits to pupils and to the state in a wide  
21 array of opportunities, including more opportunities for advanced  
22 scholastic work, career-technical partnerships and coursework,  
23 and dropout prevention.
- 24 (f) Exposure to college classes and the college environment  
25 while in high school improves college participation rates.

1 (g) Concurrent enrollment saves money for both the state and  
2 the students through increased time to completion and provides  
3 for more effective use of facilities through joint use.

4 SEC. 2. Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 48805) is added  
5 to Chapter 5 of Part 27 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education  
6 Code, to read:

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8 Article 1.5. Partnerships Between Community College Districts  
9 and School Districts

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11 48805. The following community college districts shall be the  
12 only districts eligible to enter into a partnership under this article:

- 13 (a) Kern.
- 14 (b) Long Beach.
- 15 (c) Los Angeles.
- 16 (d) Los Rios.
- 17 (e) San Jose-Evergreen.

18 48806. (a) (1) The governing board of a community college  
19 district may enter into a formal partnership with a school district  
20 or school districts located within its immediate service area to  
21 provide elementary and secondary school pupils with the  
22 opportunity to benefit from advanced scholastic, career-technical,  
23 or vocational coursework.

24 (2) A participating community college district shall adopt a  
25 partnership agreement with each school district partner. The  
26 partnership agreement shall be approved by the governing board  
27 of the community college district and the governing board of the  
28 school district.

29 (3) (A) The partnership agreement shall outline the terms of  
30 the partnership, and may include, but not necessarily be limited  
31 to, the scope, nature, and schedule of courses offered. The  
32 partnership agreement may establish protocols for information  
33 sharing and joint facilities use.

34 (B) A copy of the partnership agreement shall be filed with the  
35 State Department of Education and with the office of the  
36 Chancellor of the California Community Colleges prior to the start  
37 of a program ~~effort~~ authorized by this article.

38 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any applicable  
39 open course and facilities requirements that are operative either  
40 in statute or in regulations of the Board of Governors of the

1 California Community Colleges shall be waived for any community  
2 college district that enters into an agreement pursuant to this article  
3 for instruction for secondary school pupils on a campus of the  
4 partner school district.

5 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this article, to  
6 provide a smoother transition from high school to college for pupils  
7 by providing them with greater exposure to the collegiate  
8 atmosphere, and to maximize the educational opportunities  
9 available to California's secondary school pupils by encouraging  
10 programs and partnerships between school districts and community  
11 college districts, including advanced scholastic, vocational, and  
12 career-technical coursework, summer school opportunities, and  
13 dropout intervention.

14 (6) A community college district shall not provide physical  
15 education course opportunities to secondary school pupils pursuant  
16 to this article.

17 (7) A pupil shall receive credit for community college courses  
18 that he or she completes at the level determined to be appropriate  
19 by the school district and community college governing boards  
20 pursuant to the partnership agreement as described in paragraph  
21 (2).

22 (b) For purposes of state apportionments, a community college  
23 district shall be credited additional full-time equivalent students  
24 attributable to the attendance of pupils in community college  
25 courses as special part-time students pursuant to this article.

26 (c) A school district the pupils of which attend community  
27 college courses as special part-time students pursuant to this article  
28 shall, for purposes of state apportionments, continue to receive  
29 credit for attendance by those pupils computed in the manner  
30 prescribed by law. A pupil's attendance at school for the minimum  
31 schoolday shall be deemed a day of attendance for purposes of  
32 making the computation.

33 (d) (1) A community college district shall not receive a state  
34 allowance or apportionment for an instructional activity for which  
35 a school district has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or  
36 apportionment.

37 (2) The attendance of a pupil at a community college as a special  
38 part-time or full-time student pursuant to this article is authorized  
39 attendance, for which the community college shall be credited or  
40 reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002, provided that no

1 school district has received reimbursement for the same  
2 instructional activity. Credit for courses completed shall be at the  
3 level determined to be appropriate by the governing boards of the  
4 school district and the community college district pursuant to the  
5 partnership agreement as described in paragraph (2) of subdivision  
6 (a).

7 (e) For purposes of this section, a special part-time student may  
8 enroll in up to, and including, 11 units per semester, or the  
9 equivalent thereof, at the community college he or she attends.

10 (f) The governing board of a community college district shall  
11 not assign a high priority for registration or enrollment to a special  
12 part-time or full-time student attending community college pursuant  
13 to this article in order to ensure that the special students do not  
14 displace regularly admitted students.

15 48807. (a) For each partnership entered into pursuant to this  
16 article, the affected community college district and school district  
17 shall report annually to the office of the Chancellor of the  
18 California Community Colleges all of the following information:

19 (1) The total number of secondary school pupils enrolled in  
20 each program, classified by school district.

21 (2) The total number of successful course completions of  
22 secondary school pupils enrolled in each program, classified by  
23 school district.

24 (3) The total number of successful course completions of  
25 students in courses equivalent to those courses tracked under  
26 paragraph (2) in the general community college curriculum.

27 (b) The annual report required by this section shall be  
28 transmitted to all of the following:

29 (1) The Legislature.

30 (2) The Director of Finance.

31 (3) The Superintendent.

32 (4) The governing boards of each of the following community  
33 college districts:

34 (A) Kern.

35 (B) Long Beach.

36 (C) Los Angeles.

37 (D) Los Rios.

38 (E) San Jose-Evergreen.

39 (5) The governing board of each participating school district.

1 48808. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,  
2 2015, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,  
3 that is enacted before January 1, 2015, deletes or extends that date.

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